DETAILED ACTION

This office is in response to remarks and amendments filed on May 4, 2009, and interview conducted on August 28, 2009. Claims 1, 3-11, 13-30, 33-37, 39-45, 48-52, and 57-67 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-30, 33-37, 39-45, 48-52, and 57-67 are allowed over prior art .

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations, as recited in independent claims and subsequent dependent claims. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed to uniquely identify distinct features of system and method for extending Camp-On Capabilities to invitees to an ongoing conference call with a persistent invitation extended to a first network station client to join a conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non- persistent invitation to join the conference call, and the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call is accepted in response to user input to a network station client including but not limited to the initially unavailable network station client and another network station client where the user has been authenticated. An updated search did not reveal any prior art that would anticipate or make obvious the currently claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for

Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Cyrus F. Bharucha (Reg. No. 42,324) on August 28, 2009.

A.   Amend the Specification as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace last paragraph on Page 16

The foregoing detailed description has set forth various embodiments of the present

invention via the use of block diagrams, flowcharts, and examples. It will be understood as

notorious by those within the art that each block diagram component, flowchart step, and

operations and/or components illustrated by the use of examples can be implemented,

individually and/or collectively, by a wide range of hardware, software, firmware, or any combination thereof. In one embodiment, the present invention may be implemented via Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs). However, those skilled in the art will recognize that the embodiments disclosed herein, in whole or in part, can be equivalently implemented in standard Integrated Circuits, as a computer program running on a computer, as firmware, or as virtually any combination thereof and that designing the circuitry and/or writing the code for the software or firmware would be well within the skill of one of ordinary skill in the art in light of this disclosure. In addition, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the mechanisms of the present invention are capable of being distributed as a program product in a variety of forms, and that an illustrative embodiment of the present invention applies equally regardless of the particular type of ~~signal bearing~~ media used to actually carry out the distribution. Examples of **such** ~~a signal bearing~~ media include but are not limited to the following: recordable type media such as floppy disks, hard disk drives, CD ROMs, **and** digital tape~~, and transmission type media such as digital and analogue communication links using either synchronous or asynchronous communication links (e.g., TDM, packet, ATM, frame based communications links)~~.

B.   Amend the Claims as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

61.   (**New**) The computer program product of Claim 54, wherein the token comprises at least

one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password

field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

62.   (**New**) The computer program product of Claim 61, wherein the token further comprises a

reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected

from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an

expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

63.   (**New**) The computer program product of Claim 61, further comprising:

> instructions for presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call
>> has been received, wherein the presenting comprises presenting at least one alert
>> from the group comprising: a visual alert and an auditory alert.

64.   (**New**) The computer program product of Claim 54, wherein the instructions for

activating comprise:

> instructions for accepting user input indicating that the persistent invitation to join the
>> ongoing conference call has been accepted; and

> instructions for transmitting the token to a multipoint controller as an indication that the
>> persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call has been accepted.

65.   (**New**) The computer program product of Claim 64, wherein the token further comprises:

> identification of a transmitting user as a valid participant in the ongoing conference call.

66.   (**New**) The computer program product of Claim 64, wherein:

the instructions for transmitting comprise instructions for retrieving the token from a
        cache; and

the instructions for retrieving comprise instructions for retrieving the token from a cache
        local to an invited network station client.

67.   (**New**) The computer program product of Claim 54, further comprising:

instructions for withdrawing an ability to activate the token in response to a notification
        that the conference call has terminated, wherein the instructions for withdrawing
        comprise instructions for withdrawing a presented notice that the persistent
        invitation to join the conference call has been extended.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to SYED ZIA whose telephone number is (571)272-3798. The

examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the

organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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